Advances given by banks in Andhra Pradesh

583. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount as advances given by the commercial banks in Andhra Pradesh during the years 1983-84 and 1984-85 and 1985-86;

(b) what was the credit deposit ratio of the banks in Andhra Pradesh during these three years, year-wise; and

(c) whether the ratio conforms to the All India ratio and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The advances of all Scheduled Commercial Banks in Andhra Pradesh as at the end of December, 1983, December, 1984 and March, 1985 were Rs. 2478 crores, Rs. 3287 crores and Rs. 3442 crores respectively.

(b) and (c) Credit deposit ratio (per cent) of all Scheduled Commercial Banks in Andhra Pradesh was higher than all-India average during the above years as may be seen from the following table:—

	Andhra Pradesh	*All-India*
December, 1983	71.5	67.2
December, 1984	77.8	63.8
March, 1985	79.3	69.7

Appointment of Chairmen of State Trading Corporation

584. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:
SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only four out of the nine Chairmen in the State Trading Corporation were full-time Chairmen during the last ten years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the growth of the above Organisation has suffered due to *ad-hoc* appointment of its Chairmen and the long spells during which it had no full-time Chairmen ; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not appointing full-time Chairmen in the State Trading Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the period of 10 years from 1975-76 to 1984-85 the total turnover has gone up from 981.00 crores to Rs. 2865.53 crores and profit before tax from Rs. 14.5 crores to Rs. 61.13 crores.

(c) Action has already been initiated to select a full-time Chairmen for STC.

Import duty on medical equipments

585. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been Government's policy to levy lower import duty on components and parts required for manufacture of sophisticated medical diagnostic equipments and keep the import tariff high on such finished equipments;

(b) whether it is a fact that on 1st March, 1986 under the above policy, customs duty on components and parts required to manufacture about 15 items like CAT SCANNERS was reduced from 98 per cent to 40 per cent; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that on the same date while customs duty on about 111 sophisticated medical diagnostic equipments was lowered